

# Izaak Walton League

## Red Rose Chapter

28 Sportsman Lane

Newmanstown, PA 17073

Date: 7/08/2021



### Monthly Meeting Minutes 7/08/2021 Red Rose Chapter IWLA

#### Pledge to the Flag

#### Roll Call

#### Officers

|   | Office         | Name           |   | Office         | Name         |
|---|----------------|----------------|---|----------------|--------------|
| x | President      | Joe Szewczak   | x | Director Chair | John Shutter |
| x | Vice President | Sarah Harnish  | x | Director       | Dave Gehman  |
|   | Secretary      | Mike Kotay     | x | Director       | Tom Tedrow   |
|   | Treasurer      | Jarrold Specht | x | Director       | Dick Deibert |
|   |                |                |   | Director       | Kirby Keller |
|   |                |                |   | Director       | Dean Baker   |

Attendance: Joe Szewczak, Sarah Harnish, Tom Tedrow, Dick Deibert, John Shutter and Dave Gehman. Missing: Jarrod Specht, Mike Kotay and Dean Baker. No other members in attendance.

#### 1. Officers reports - Secretary Minutes (Jarrod will be in Washington)

Meeting minutes accepted without comment or correction.

#### 2. CREP Update - VP Sarah Harnish

The field along the driveway is growing nicely, with wild flowers in abundance and the grasses we planted doing nicely. The existing hilltop along the driveway has planted seed coming up, and was sprayed again yesterday for weed control. The two newly planted fields, which we expected to take off as they were recently farmed, are not thriving. The field behind Heidelberg's backstop has poor soil quality, and may not grow anything but switchgrass. We will consult with Jenna later this month to discuss.

#### 3. Pond maintenance

Jarrold sprayed along the edges to control the cattail growth, and also sprayed the lower pond for duckweed. Will continue treatments there as needed to bring those issues back under control.

#### 4. Establish Youth Pheasant Hunt Date

December 18, 2021 Down payment on bird purchase made to claim a 5% discount on the price, from Liberty Game Birds in Lancaster County.

#### 5. National Hunting & Fishing Day - 09/26

We will roast a deer or two again if requested. Will meet with Lauren later this month to finalize plans when she returns from vacation in Yellowstone.

#### 6. Finalize plans for Dock work day on August 14

Tom Tedrow will provide a materials list for purchase; Joe will shop and have it delivered. We expect this to be fairly expensive, given the current rise in the price of building materials, but we need to do this now to support the vets fishing program next spring. **This work day is vital for our Vereran and Youth Fishing Programs. We can use all the help we can get to increase the dock area. Please contact me so that we can get an idea of those who plan to help.**

#### 7. Hunter Ed Classes - 2021 and 2022

Our hosted class is scheduled for September 18, and the class has full enrollment. We will need help at lunch time to serve the students. Joe, Sarah, and Kirby, who are all members, will be the instructors for this class, although they may be joined by others as well.

We will meet with Lauren Ferreri later this month to discuss a proposal to teach a hunter ed class at Middle Creek in 2022. Lauren recently received her instructor certification, and having a Red Rose sponsored class in the auditorium - led by Red Rose instructors - is a unique opportunity. Details on class size, etc. to be determined.

#### 8. Prep for 2021 elections of Officers and Board Members

All officers and board members present at last night's meeting agreed to serve again in 2022 if elected. We need an open call for anyone else interested in serving in 2022 as well.

#### 9. Financial review for Fiscal year 2020/2021

An in depth review of the chapter's financial status by review of the books through the current reporting period. We are in sound financial shape.

#### 10. New Business / Open Floor

Steve Gipe was tentatively accepted as a new member, pending his meeting with the current board members either at our next meeting or on a scheduled work day.

Sarah asked to have the August meeting focused on a social get together rather than being solely dedicated to chapter business. It's to be a way to meet members we don't see very often, and spouses are invited as well. The board accepted the suggestion.

The officers and board will provide burgers and dogs etc. and we ask that if you plan to attend you bring a side or dessert - and please, RSVP before the end of July so we have an accurate headcount for planning purposes.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michael Kotay  
Secretary Red Rose Chapter IWLA